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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE WITH FILING OF A REQUEST FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the November 18, 2009 Advisory Action and in further response to the August 5, 2009 final Office Action in the above-identified patent application. The period for response is extended two (2) months, from November 5, 2009 to January 5, 2009, by concurrent payment of the appropriate fees. Prior to continued examination of the above-identified application, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

- I. **Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2;
- II. The **Remarks** begin on page 30; and
- III. The **Conclusion** begins on page 36.